



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Public Library

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### **San Diego Public Library Conjures Up Plenty of Spooky Halloween Fun** *Many Fun and Chilling Activities Planned at City Libraries in October*

**SAN DIEGO** – Children are invited to celebrate Halloween and be tricked and treated with a variety of “Scary Library” events and activities scheduled at several City libraries through Oct. 31. The spooky good fun will include Halloween parties, films, holiday craft activities, scary stories, and mad science experiments.

“Children are encouraged to wear their costumes at the many events and haunt the City’s libraries as goblins, witches, ghosts and other favorite characters,” said City Librarian Anna Tatár. “The Library’s Halloween programs provide children with fun, safe activities where they can enjoy the holiday and learn something, too.”

City libraries providing the spine-chilling fun include the Central Library and the following branches: Allied Gardens/Benjamin, Balboa, Carmel Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, City Heights/Weingart, Clairemont, College-Rolando, La Jolla/Riford, Logan Heights, Mira Mesa, Mission Valley, Mountain View/Beckwourth, Point Loma/Hervey, San Carlos, Scripps Miramar Ranch, San Ysidro and Valencia Park/Malcolm X. The scheduled Halloween activities at City libraries through Oct. 31 include:

#### **Oct. 1-19**

Halloween Coloring Contest – Children and teens can enter a Halloween coloring contest and receive special prizes. Coloring sheets can be picked up at the library beginning Oct. 1. City Heights/Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave., 619-641-6100.

#### **Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 6:30 p.m.**

Dungeon of Doom – Scary stories of spooky characters. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.

#### **Saturday, Oct 8 at 3 p.m.**

Pumpkin Crafts – Children are invited to take part in a pumpkin craft project with candy. La Jolla/Riford Branch Library, 7555 Draper Ave., 858-552-1657

#### **Wednesday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Spooky Stories and Halloween Crafts – Children and their parents are invited to hear spooky stories, make Halloween bat clips and decorate their own trick-or-treat goodie bags. The event is limited to 25 children on a first-come, first-served basis, so arrive early. Clairemont Branch Library, 2920 Burgener Blvd., 858-581-9935.

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**Thursday, Oct. 13 at 4 p.m.**

Spooky Stories and Crafts – Children are invited to hear Halloween stories and make paper bag pumpkins. The event is limited to 40 children on a first come, first served basis. Reservations will not be taken. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

**Wednesday, Oct 19 at 4 p.m.**

Halloween Show – Ventriloquist Lynn Trimble will perform with a variety of spooky friends. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed in costumes. Reservations are not required. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 6:30 p.m.**

Dungeon of Doom – Scary stories of spooky characters. Valencia Park/Malcolm X Branch Library, 5148 Market St., 619-527-3405.

**Thursday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m.**

Halloween Show – Merlin-Ye-Mage will weave a spell of ancient stories and illusions to entrance you for Halloween. Scripps Miramar Ranch Branch Library, 10301 Scripps Lake Drive, 858-538-8158.

**Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.**

Ghostly Crafts – Create a ghost wind sock for Halloween. Mira Mesa Branch Library, 8405 New Salem St., 858-538-8165.

**Monday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.**

Spooky Stories with Storyteller Harlynn Geisler – Young people are invited to listen to scary stories. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. San Ysidro Branch Library, 101 W. San Ysidro Blvd., 619-424-0475.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m.**

Tunes and Tales – Nancy Saint John will present interactive songs and stories, including stories that the kids act out with props such as hats, puppets and musical instruments. College-Rolando Branch Library, 6600 Montezuma Road, 858-573-1398.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.**

Trick-or-Treat Storytime – Two fun story time events for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. Children are welcome to wear costumes. No reservations required. Point Loma/Hervey Branch Library, 3701 Voltaire Street, 619-531-1539.

**Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.**

Halloween Story Times – Halloween story times for infants/toddlers (10 a.m.) and preschoolers (11 a.m. and 4 p.m.). No reservations required. All story times last for 30 minutes and kids get special surprises afterwards and can color Halloween coloring sheets at the end. Carmel Valley Branch Library, 3919 Townsgate Drive, 858-552-1668.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Bearly Scary Stories and Other Fun Activities – A Halloween extravaganza with a parade and party games, songs, stories, prizes and treats. Allied Gardens/Benjamin Branch Library, 5188 Zion Ave., 619-533-3970.

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**Wednesday Oct. 26 at 3 p.m.**

Halloween Crafts – A special Halloween-themed craft event will be held in the Children’s Room. Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Halloween Mini-Carnival – A great event with games, tricks, treats and crafts for children ages 8 and under. Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes. San Carlos Branch Library, 7265 Jackson Drive, 619-527-3430.

**Wednesday, Oct. 26, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

Halloween Magic Show – Magician Rahim the Entertainer will “trick” you with his magic and all children will receive “treats.” Everyone is encouraged to wear costumes. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Clairemont Branch Library, 2920 Burgener Blvd., 858-581-9935.

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**Wednesday Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.**

Not So Spooky Stories – Storyteller Harlynn Geisler will tell fun Halloween stories for the whole family. Carmel Mountain Ranch Branch Library, 12095 World Trade Drive, 858-538-8181.

**Thursday Oct. 27 at 10:30 a.m.**

Shivery Tales – Storyteller Nancy McQuillan will entertain children with fun Halloween tales in the Children’s Room. Central Library, 820 E St., 619-236-5838.

**Thursday Oct. 27 at 11:30 a.m.**

Mask Making – A special craft event for making custom masks. Mission Valley Branch Library, 2123 Fenton Parkway, 858-573-5007.

**Saturday, Oct. 29 from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Halloween Party – A Halloween party will include games, craft projects and spooky stories. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes. Logan Heights Branch Library, 811 South 28<sup>th</sup> St., 619-533-3968.

**Monday, Oct. 31 from 3 to 4:30 p.m.**

Halloween Party and Costume Contest – A party and contest for children ages 6 to 14. Prizes and refreshments will be provided. Registration required. Mountain View/Beckwourth Library, 721 San Pasqual St., 619-527-3404.

**Monday, Oct. 31 from 6:30 p.m.**

Halloween Story Hour – Children and their parents are encouraged to attend in costume and enjoy some spooky stories. Balboa Branch Library, 4255 Mt. Abernathy Ave., 858-573-1390.

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